(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No surprise check has been conducted by CGHS Vigilance Department.

(e) Does not arise.

Family Planning Programme

645. DR NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala has lower rates of birth and death in comparison to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the latest figures of these States in this regard;

(c) what are the specific reasons for lagging behind in family planning programme;

(d) whether there are two slogans about family planning all over the world development is the best contracaptive and contracaptives are the best contracaptives, if so, which has been accepted by Government; and

(e) what new strategy has been envisaged by Government in view of the State of the World Population Report 1994?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The latest provisional estimates of Birth and Death Rate relate to 1993 and as obtained from Sample Registration System of Registrar General India are given below:

(Per thousand population)

State	Birth Rate	Death Rate
Kerala	17·3	6.0
Uttar Pradesh	36.0	11.4
Rajasthan	33·6	9.0

(c) to (e) Several factors, including socio-economic, account for differing pace at which states move during demographic transition. Programmes of Family Welfare Dept. assist socio-cultural groups accelerate the pace of transition. Certain steps in particular improvement in quality of care, expanded service outreach, reorientation of information, Education and Communication, involvement of Non-Govt. organisations are under way to westeh transition in these states.

Side effects of new contraceptive

646. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are actively considering to launch pilot studies on quinacrine, a new contraceptive for women if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have discovered some side effects of the use of this contraceptive: if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this contraceptive has been tried in other countries; if so, the names of such countries and what has been their experience in the use of this contraceptive; and

(d) what stand the World Health Organisation has taken on this contraceptive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Side effects reported in different trials are, mild pain in lower abdomen, mild to moderate faver, headache, vaginal discharge etc.